

Independence

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National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior
Independence NHP
143 S. Third Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106



Building Hours and Program Times

Independence Visitor Center.....8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Program:

“Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony” weekends at 4:00 p.m.

Liberty Bell Center.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please note - security screening closes 5 minutes before the Liberty Bell Center closes for the evening

Independence Square

(Access to the “Square” is through security located at 5th and Chestnut Streets)

Please note - security screening closes 15 minutes before the buildings on the block close for the evening

Independence Hall (tour tickets required).....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Free Tickets are available the morning of your visit at the Independence Visitor Center

Congress Hall.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

The Great Essentials Exhibit in the West Wing of Independence Hall.....9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Old City Hall.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Court

America’s National Park Museum Shop.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Carpenters’ Hall.....open Tuesday-Sunday.....10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

New Hall Military Museum.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Wives of the Generals” weekends at 1:30 p.m.

“Barnacles and Bullets” children’s program; weekends at 2:30 p.m.

Franklin Court

B. Free Franklin Post Office..... open Monday-Saturday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fragments of Franklin Court.....open Wednesday-Friday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Museum Shop..... Reopens for the season in April

Printing Office.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Program: *“Gentlewomen of the Press (Women Printers of the 18th Century)”* Saturdays at 11:30 (10 min)

Other Park Sites

The City Tavern.....opens at 11:30 a.m.

Declaration House.....open Wednesday-Friday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

National Constitution Center (fee charged)... open Monday-Friday.....9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

open Saturday.....9:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

open Sunday.....Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank...open Wednesday-Sunday.....11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Programs:

“Bank Orientation Tour” Wed-Sun at Noon (20 min)

“Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles” weekends at 2:00 p.m. (20 min)

“Women’s History Month Program” weekends at 3:00 p.m. (30 min)

“Stories of Struggle” slide show; weekends at 4:00 p.m. (30 min)

The President’s House Site Memorial.....9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Program: *“Women of the President’s Household”* Saturdays at 12:30

Todd and Bishop White Houses.....ask at the IVC for tickets

Other NPS Sites

Deshler-Morris House.....Reopens for the season in April

Edgar Allan Poe NHS.....open Wednesday-Sunday.....9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Thaddeus Kosciuszko NM.....open Saturday & Sunday.....Noon - 4:00 p.m.

Special Events and Program Descriptions

March 17 and 24 (only) at 2:00; Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site

Remembering Edgar Allan Poe: Helen Whitman, Poe's Staunch Defender Meet Helen Whitman: poet, literary critic, fiancé of Edgar Allan Poe, and committed defender of Poe's character after his death. In this 30 minute program discover the woman whose brief and romantic connection to Poe inspired him to write the most intensely romantic letters of his life.

Women of the House - Saturdays at 10:00; Todd and Bishop White Houses - Learn more about the varying experiences of the women who lived on the same block during the late 18th century. Please note this tour is limited to 10 people. Sign up at the Independence Visitor Center. (1 hour)

Gentlewomen of the Press (Women Printers of the 18th Century) - Saturdays at 11:30; Franklin Court Printing Office - From Deborah Franklin and her assistance at her husband's shop to Mary Katherine Goddard, who printed the first copy of the Declaration of Independence to include the names of the signers; learn more about this fascinating group of women. (10 minutes)

Women of the President's Household - Saturdays at 12:30; President's House Site Memorial - Join a park ranger for a talk about the women (both enslaved and free) who lived at the site. (10 minutes)

Wives of the Generals - Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30; New Hall Military Museum - Find out more about the women whose personal sacrifices helped win the American Revolution. (10 minutes)

Moses Williams: Cutter of Profiles - Saturdays and Sundays at 2:00; The Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Hear the amazing story of Moses Williams, who learned to operate the Physiognotrace to earn his freedom and a good living making silhouettes in Peale's Museum. (15 minutes)

Barnacles & Bullets - Saturdays and Sundays at 2:30; New Hall Military Museum - Join a park ranger for a family friendly program about the life of an average soldier or sailor during the American revolution. (15 minutes)

Women's History Month - Saturdays and Sundays at 3:00; Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Celebrate women's history month by joining a special program led by a Park Ranger highlighting the contributions of women to our nation. (30 minutes)

Junior Ranger Induction Ceremony - Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00; Independence Visitor Center – A park ranger conducts a special ceremony for all the children who have completed our Junior Ranger booklet. (10 minutes)

Stories of Struggle - Saturdays and Sundays at 4:00; Portrait Gallery in the Second Bank of the U.S. - Join a park ranger for a slide program highlighting the stories of the people, places and events surrounding the founding and early years of the United States of America. (30 minutes)

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Become a Junior Ranger

Did you know that Independence National Historical Park, the Edgar Allan Poe National Historic Site and the Thaddeus Kosciuszko National Memorial all have Junior Ranger programs? Stop by the sites and pick up a free junior ranger publication (at Independence NHP, booklets can be obtained from a park ranger at the information desk at the Independence Visitor Center), complete the publications to earn your free junior ranger badge. If you are visiting on Saturday or Sunday, junior ranger induction ceremonies are held at the Independence Visitor Center at 4:00 p.m.

